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FOR: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A. NIGER CULTURES AND THEIR USES FOR PRODUCING FERULIC ACID AND VANILLIC ACID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment read as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for producing *Aspergillus niger* cultures with a broad spectrum of enzymatic activity comprising enzymes which degrade the parietal polysaccharides and ferulate esterases, said process comprising culturing at least one